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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent

Number 5,685,581 to Kritzler et al.

Krtizler et al. disclose an outside door handle (2) for vehicles having a pivoting portion (6) integrally formed at an end of the door handle, pivotally inserted into a door handle rotating space (figure 1) formed at one end of a handle base and functions as a rotating center (rotates about pivot 5) of the door handle, the rotating center being an instantaneous rotating center moving on the surface of the pivoting portion when the door handle rotates (as shown in figures 2 and 3 the rotating center is instantaneous as the door handle moves in a linear direction as well as a rotational direction), and a guide portion (14) formed at an opposite end of the door handle and inserted into a handle operating space (figure 1) formed at an opposite end of the handle base, wherein the pivoting portion is formed with a stopper (11) which protrudes toward the handle base in a vertical direction in relation to a rotating surface of the door handle, and the handle rotating space is formed with a stopper groove (13) into which the stopper is inserted, as in claim 1.

Krtzler et al. also disclose the stopper groove having a radial direction restricting portion (figures 6 and 7) for restricting movement of the stopper to a rotating direction of the door handle, and a circumferential direction restricting portion (figures 6 and 7) for restricting movement of the stopper to a rotating direction of the door handle, as in claim 2, wherein two stoppers (figure 6) are disposed, each at an upper surface and a bottom surface of the pivoting portion (the stopper extends the entire width of the pivoting portion, from the upper surface to the bottom surface), as in claim 3.

Krtzler et al. further disclose a break-prevention structure of an outside door handle for vehicles, the structure comprising a handle base (1) having a door handle rotating space (left side of figure 1) at one end and a handle operating space (right side of figure 1) at an opposite end, a door handle (2) having a pivoting portion (6) integrally formed at one end and a guide portion (14) formed at an opposite end, wherein the pivoting portion is configured and dimensioned as a rotating center (rotates about pivot 5) of the door handle when pivotally inserted into the handle rotating space, the rotating center being an instantaneous rotating center moving on the surface of the pivoting portion when the door handle rotates (as shown in figures 2 and 3 the rotating center is instantaneous as the door handle moves in a linear direction as well as a rotational direction), as in claim 4.

Krtzler et al. additionally disclose the pivoting portion is formed with a stopper (11) that protrudes toward the handle base in a vertical direction in relation to a rotating surface of the door handle, and the handle rotating space being formed with a stopper groove (13) into which the stopper is inserted, as in claim 5, wherein the stopper groove comprises a radial direction

restricting portion (figure 6 and 7) for restricting movement of the stopper to a rotating direction of the door handle and a circumferential direction restricting portion (figure 6 and 7) for restricting movement of the stopper to a rotating direction of the door handle, as in claim 6, as well as two stoppers are disposed (figure 6), each at an upper surface and a bottom surface of the pivoting portion (the stopper extends the entire width of the pivoting portion, from the upper surface to the bottom surface), as in claim 7.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed January 23, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding the argument that Kritzler et al. do not disclose the rotating center being an instantaneous rotating center moving on the surface of the pivoting portion when the door handle rotates, the examiner respectfully disagrees. As shown in figures 2 and 3, Kritzler et al. allows the rotating center to be an instantaneous rotating center when the door handle is moved past the normal actuated position, wherein the door handle moves in a linear direction, as well as the rotational direction, to allow for a greater force being applied to the door handle while not over exerting the actuation means.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patents are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to door handle assemblies:

U.S. Patent Number 7,029,054 to Kobayashi et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,964,439 to Nomura et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Boswell whose telephone number is (571) 272-7054. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 4:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on (571) 272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Art Unit 3676

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